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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Michigan Adoption Day 2013 to be held Tuesday, November 26

State's celebration of adoptive families now in 11th year, includes 30 counties

[Press release](#)

Hometownlife.com: Michigan judges warned against opposing controversial Court of Claims bill

"The Michigan Judges Association opted not to take a position on the new Court of Claims law partly because its leaders thought doing so could hurt chances of getting a long-awaited judicial pay increase, e-mails obtained by the Free Press show."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Tim Skubick: Democrats still leery of how Court of Claims changes are unfolding

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Oakland County Legal News: ASKED & ANSWERED: Graham K. Crabtree on Court of Claims

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor News: New testimony to come from woman who accused Ann Arbor defense attorney of sexual assault

"The woman who accused Nader Nassif of sexually assaulting her in July will return to court to testify again in December, a judge ruled Monday. Nassif, an Ann Arbor defense attorney and former board member of the Downtown Development Authority, is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine and possession of ecstasy."

[Full story](#)

C & G News/Warren: Incumbent defeats newcomer in Farms/Shores judicial race

"Farms/ Shores Municipal Court Judge Matthew Rumora had to do something this year that he hasn't had to do since 1993: campaign. Rumora, who has been the Farms judge for more than 25 years and the judge in Grosse Pointe Shores since 2011, said he had to update his campaign literature from 20 years ago when he learned he'd be facing a challenger in November — attorney Matthew Peck, a Farms resident like Rumora."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

C & G News/Warren: Shores voters finally get their say in court

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Detroit Legal News: 2013 Child Welfare Award winners announced

"The Foster Care Review Board has announced the recipients of its 2013 Child Welfare Awards, which recognize exceptional service to children and families in the state's child welfare system.... Judge John A. Hohman, Jr., who was recently named State Court Administrator, received the Jurist of the Year Award for his work as a probate court judge in Monroe County."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: ADTC members given a view from the bench

"The Association of Defense Trial Counsel (ADTC) featured Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Shalina Kumar as guest speaker at its recent membership meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy in Troy. Kumar provided 'A View from the Bench, Motion and Trial Practice.' "

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Woman shot by Sterling Heights cop remains free from prison

"The state appeals court upheld the delayed prison term for a 50-year-old former Sterling Heights woman who was convicted of attempted murder for an incident during which she was shot by police. The decision last week by a State Court of Appeals panel means Caroline Hocking-Sullivan will remain free for the time-being while her appeal proceeds through the courts."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Should donations to 'issue advertisements' be disclosed?

"Republicans in Lansing are split over whether people who bankroll so-called 'issue ads' should be allowed to remain anonymous. Issue ads attack or support politicians or causes without using what are called 'magic words' like 'vote for' or 'oppose.' Unlike campaign ads, the money behind issue ads can be anonymous."

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MLive.com: Michigan Legislature continues abuse of giving bills immediate effect

"Michigan lawmakers appear to be violating the spirit -- if not the letter -- of the state constitution, and they have been for years under leadership of both political parties. The Michigan Constitution makes bills effective 90 days after the end of a session unless they are given 'immediate effect by a two-thirds vote' in the state House and Senate."

[Full story](#)

The Times Herald/Port Huron: Thumb Regional DWI Court established; Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola counties to participate

"Ignition breathalyzers could be coming quicker than Thumb residents think. Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties are forming the Thumb Regional DWI Court that will allow offenders caught driving while intoxicated to participate in an intensive program that could include an ignition breathalyzer."

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